

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original): An information processing apparatus comprising:

a save screen display controlling section for displaying on a display section a save screen for saving a file to a predetermined saving section;

a first condition specifying section for specifying a condition to be assigned to the file via the save screen displayed on the display section;

a save processing section for assigning each condition assigned by the first condition specifying section to path information of the file and for saving the file to the saving section;

a seek screen display controlling section for displaying on the display section a seek screen for seeking and displaying the file saved to the saving section;

a second condition specifying section for specifying a condition of the file as a seek objective via the seek screen displayed on the display section;

a seek processing section for recognizing the path information of the file saved to the saving section, as such a condition set as allowing a selection sequence to be changeable and as having each condition set to an arbitrary selection item, the seek processing section for seeking for an objective file corresponding to a calculation result of the condition set based on a condition specified by the second condition specifying section; and

a result display controlling section for displaying on the display section the objective file as a seek result by the seek processing section.

Claim 2 (original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the save screen is provided with a first keyword-only operation element for specifying as a condition a keyword arbitrarily set by a user, wherein the seek screen is provided with a second keyword-only operation element for specifying as a condition a keyword corresponding to the first keyword-only operation element displayed on the save screen, wherein the save processing section assigns as a condition a keyword registered in the first keyword-only operation element, specified via the first condition specifying section, to the path information of the file, and saves the file to the saving section, and wherein the seek processing section seeks the objective file corresponding to the computation result of the condition set, based on a

keyword as a condition registered in the second keyword-only operation element, specified via the second condition specifying section.

Claim 3 (original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the first keyword-only operation element and the second keyword-only operation keyword both have such a fixed keyword registered therein, as uninfluenced by a time factor and such a movable keyword registered therein, as influenced by a time factor.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the save screen is provided with a first management time-only operation element for specifying as a condition a management time of the file, wherein the seek screen is provided with a second management time-only operation element for specifying as a condition a management time corresponding to the first management time-only operation element displayed on the save screen, wherein the save processing section assigns as a condition a management time registered in the first management time-only operation element specified via the first condition specifying section, to the path information of the file, and saves the file to the saving section, and wherein the seek processing section seeks the objective file corresponding to the calculation result of the condition set, based on a management time as a condition registered in the second management time-only operation element specified via the second condition specifying section.

Claim 5 (original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the first management time-only operation element and the second management time-only operation element are respectively configured with such a plurality of time divisions as arranged in parallel and as specifying a range of the management time.

Claim 6 (original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the management time is defined as an update time of the file.

Claim 7 (original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the save screen is provided with a deselection-only operation element for specifying a

condition for displaying all files as the seek result regardless of specification of the management time by the first management time-only operation element, wherein the save processing section assigns as a condition a predetermined character string to the path information of the file according to selection of the deselection-only operation element via the first condition specifying section, and saves the file to the saving section, and wherein the seek processing section seeks as the objective file a file having the path information assigned with the character string, regardless of the management time as a condition registered in the second management time-only operation element, specified via the second condition specifying section.

Claim 8 (original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the save screen is provided with a non-display-only operation element for specifying a condition for preventing display of a file as the seek result regardless of specification of the management time by the first management time-only operation element, wherein the save processing section assigns as a condition a predetermined character string to the path information of the file according to selection of the non-display-only operation element via the first condition specifying section, and saves the file to the saving section, and wherein the seek processing section excludes the file having the path information assigned with the character string from seek candidates regardless of the management time as a condition registered in the second management time-only operation element, specified via the second condition specifying section.

Claim 9 (original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the seek screen is provided with a non-display reset operation element for redisplaying the file excluded by the seek processing section from the seek candidates based on the character string assigned to the path information.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The information processing apparatus according to ~~any one of claim 1 to claim 9~~, wherein the save screen is provided with a first type-only operation element for specifying a type of the file as a condition, wherein the seek screen is provided with a second type-only operation element for specifying as a condition a type corresponding to the

first type-only operation element displayed on the save screen, wherein the save processing section identifies as a condition an extension registered in the path information of the file based on a type of the file registered in the first type-only operation element, specified via the first condition specifying section, and saves the file to the saving section, and wherein the seek processing section seeks the objective file with reference to the extension registered in the path information of the file, based on a type of the file as a condition registered in the second type-only operation element, specified via the second condition specifying section.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The information processing apparatus according to ~~any one of claim 1 to claim 10~~, wherein the save processing section assigns information indicating existence of a second file to be attached, to the path information of the first file, and saves the first file to the saving section while saving the second file to a specific saving area in the saving section.

Claim 12 (original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the seek screen is provided with an attachment-attached file-only operation element for seeking for the first file attached with the second file, and wherein the seek processing section seeks the first file according to selection of the attachment-attached file-only operation element via the second condition specifying section.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The information processing apparatus according to ~~any one of claim 1 to claim 12~~, handles each of sent and received emails as an independent file, saves an email file to the saving section, and includes an email screen display controlling section for displaying on the display section an email screen for seeking and displaying the email file saved to the saving section, wherein the save processing section assigns each condition specified for the email file by the first condition specifying section, to the path information of the email file via the email screen displayed on the display section, and saves the email file to the saving section, and wherein the seek processing section seeks an objective email file corresponding to a calculation result of a condition set via the email screen displayed on the display section, based on a condition specified by the second condition specifying section.

Claim 14 (original): A file management method comprising the steps of:

- controlling and displaying on a display section a save screen for saving a file to a predetermined saving section;
- specifying a first condition to be assigned to the file via the save screen displayed on the display section;
- assigning each condition specified at the first condition specifying step to path information of the file and saving the file to the saving section;
- controlling and displaying on the display section a seek screen for seeking and displaying the file saved to the saving section;
- specifying a second condition of the file as a seek objective via the seek screen displayed on the display section;
- recognizing the path information of the file saved to the saving section, as such a condition set as allowing a selection sequence to be changeable and as having each condition set to an arbitrary selection item, and seeking an objective file corresponding to a calculation result of the condition set based on a condition specified at the second condition specifying step; and
- controlling and displaying on the display section the objective file as a seek result at the seek processing step.

Claim 15 (original): A file management program executable by a computer, comprising the steps of:

- controlling and displaying on a display section a save screen for saving a file to a predetermined saving section;
- specifying a first condition to be assigned to the file via the save screen displayed on the display section;
- assigning each condition specified in the first condition specifying process to path information of the file and saving the file to the saving section;
- controlling and displaying on the display section a seek screen for seeking and displaying the file saved to the saving section;

specifying a second condition of the file as a seek objective via the seek screen displayed on the display section;

recognizing the path information of the file saved to the saving section, as such a condition set as allowing a selection sequence to be changeable and as having each condition set to an arbitrary selection item, and seeking an objective file corresponding to a calculation result of the condition set based on a condition specified in the second condition specifying process; and

controlling and displaying on the display section the objective file as a seek result in the seek process.

Claim 16 (new): The information processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the save screen is provided with a first management time-only operation element for specifying as a condition a management time of the file, wherein the seek screen is provided with a second management time-only operation element for specifying as a condition a management time corresponding to the first management time-only operation element displayed on the save screen, wherein the save processing section assigns as a condition a management time registered in the first management time-only operation element specified via the first condition specifying section, to the path information of the file, and saves the file to the saving section, and wherein the seek processing section seeks the objective file corresponding to the calculation result of the condition set, based on a management time as a condition registered in the second management time-only operation element specified via the second condition specifying section.